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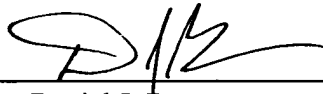
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On the first page, section (75) Inventors, remove: "David Caplan, Phoenix, AZ (US)"

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Applicant's representative filed a petition on January 22, 2001 to delete David Caplan as an inventor pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(b) is acknowledged. Accordingly, David Caplan has been removed as the inventor and Charles E. Taylor is now the only inventor for this instant application.

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A high capacity motorized rack holds a plurality of jewel case enclosed CDs in holders flexibly inter-connectable with each other to form a rotatable continuous loop. The loop is rotatably retained within a vertical rack housing and is driven by a motor, disposed within the housing, under user control such that the loop is rotated until a desired CD is moved to the top region of the belt. A rack may hold two or more such loops of inter-connected holders. In one embodiment a holder retains a single jewel case, and comprises two independent loops that are rotated with a single motor. A preferred embodiment employs inter-connectable holders that each retain two jewel cases in a side-by-side configuration. A lamp and/or barcode scanner may be disposed on the housing for ease of CD selection. The housing base preferably is detached during shipping to permit transporting the rack in a smaller volume container. User control can include voice commands to direct loop rotation and speed.

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